THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

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Time for Vigilance

Whoever it is that attempted to end the life of Mrs. Dennis by brute force, the offender, man or woman, is at

Whoever it is that shot James Haskens to death in a barn near Chevy Chase, he is still at large in defiance of the law.

In the Dennis case, the police have the Haskens case, the police are rascal who fired the shot is said to be roaming the byways of the Capital.

tacked any of the suspicious things that transpired in the neighborhood; the quarrel between a mun and woman, the departure of a man from the K Street home-the throwing of garments into a catch-basin-the piercing serents of a woman at an unseemly hour, any one of which may have immediate connection with the mystifying crime.

It also seems strange that the Chevy Chase murderer should have led the detectives a race for miles into Maryland, probably through the aid of an accomplice, and should have come boldly into the city to emulate his more distinguished predecessor, Dorsey Foultz.

In the preface to an excellent work on the police force of the District of Columbia it is said: "Only with the coming of the millennium will the orderly and well-disposed elements of society be relieved of the duty of guarding against the depredations of evil-doers; and thus far in human experience no more effective system of restraining the bad and protecting that which now obtains in the police departments of our large cities and ling of December 25. towns, of which the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia furnishes an admirable and conspicuous example."

In order to live up to this erstwhile eulogy, the local bluecoats will have that most of the proposed legislation to bestir themselves both in the matter of prevention and detection.

How this can be best accomplished will perhaps be a disputed question. isting organization is not its lack of numbers. It will be a long time before the public forgets that the original theory in the Ayres case was that of suicide.

What the people of Washington de- in the Balkans. mand are results-the prevention of crime, so far as police activity and sagacity will accomplish it; the capture of those who break the law and Britain are having a trying siege with drag the good name of the community in the mud by such bloody infractions T those in the Dennis and Haskens CHHCS.

Marconi's Triumph.

Marconl's announcement that he has succeeded in communicating between the New and the Old World by means of his wireless telegraph will

Not long since telegraphy without has already demonstrated its prac- streams. ticability over short distances to the satisfaction of the most skeptical.

The only obstacles that now seem to stand in the way of the universal adoption of the wireless telegraph are the possibility of confusion with the multiplication of instruments and the apparent lack of privacy for the sender. However, the man whose remarkable system can probably find rentiplex telegraph and the attuning of sending and receiving instruments so that they will respond only to his country even in the threat of w

Citizens' Associations.

With the beginning of Congress. the several citizens' associations of the District become infused with new in the near future, it will put au immevitality. Having considered the must-ter of improvements in the localities where their interests centre, and digested various plans for better-ment, they put their ideas in concrete form and seek relief.

The citizens' associations of Wash-Ington are most useful. First, they afford the substantial men of the various suburban sections an opportunity to meet and consider municipal needs. Again, they enable the people of the sections to concentrate their efforts for the abolition of the sections to concentrate their efforts for the abolition of the sections to concentrate will are set that Salebury only get 2½ people of the sections to concentrate will are set that Salebury only get 2½ people of the sections to concentrate will be set that Salebury only get 2½ people of the sections to concentrate will be set that Salebury only get 2½ people of the sections to concentrate with the section of the sect admses or the inauguration of better be of the opinion that the sentence is things. Where the voice of the indivisital might be lost, however excellent the recommendation made, the petition of an organized body is

The citizens' associations of Washington are not legislative bodies; but keep themselves in the public prints set me the mos apieces of public opinion they have a splendid mission to perform, and they are doing well.

In common with many other cities, Washington is said to be entertaining that ubiquitous and unwelcome visi

Ever since the memorable invasion of the Russian malady, about a decade ago, there has been at least an annual scare. The average individual In constant communication with his chief has at once diagnosed the result of he is simply the mouthpiece of his su-ordinary winter exposure as the perior. His principal original function ordinary winter exposure as the perior. His principal original function today is as an ornament to banquets and sometimes a maker of international deliberational deliberations.

physicians have fallen into the mis take of encouraging the delusion.

If there is aught in precedent, we have had little genuine grip during very recent years. In all probability the good old-fashioned cold has been masonerading as the more dangerous affection. It will be recalled that, when the imported malady was prevalent, the symptoms were viotheories galore, but no prisoner. In lently defined and the death rate was high. The epidemic swept the without a prisoner, although the country in a way that left no doubt as to its identity.

However, whether grip in its prisfine form is prevalent or not in It is strange that no guardian of Washington, great care should be the law managed to see or hear on taken at this season of the year. Sudthe night when Mrs. Dennis was at- den changes in temperature and in other weather conditions are disease breeders. Proper precaution will not only rob grip and the lesser terrors in the malady line of their prey, but will save doctors' bills.

Mr. Seton-Thompson takes a somewhat roseate view of the personality. Tuskegee who won national renown by of wild animals. A man who is being chased by them does not have time to philosophize much.

Prof. Albion Small, of the Uni versity of Chicago, believes that no man can live and bring up a family on less than a thousand dollars a year; which gives those fifteen cents a day sconomists two lovely black eyes.

The House District Committee is nearly ready to consider Washington affairs, and we are all sitting up very straight and looking very interested.

In re the alleged American ulti matum to Bulgaria, the fear seems to have been father to the thought.

Despite the anxiety and trembling the good has been discovered than little likelihood that he will find an Georgia capital, last night, at the Raleigh. octopus in his stocking on the morn-

> The fact that Congress is to take vacation through the holidays is a welcome sign. It indicates that there are no crises lingering about, and can be made to give way to indulgence in the good cheer of the fireside.

Illuminating gas continues to be the popular transportation facility to Perhaps the only weakness of the ex- that bourne from which no return tickets are sold.

> It seems to be about time for the international weather bureau to list among its indications the war cloud

> Between the ship subsidy bill and the burghers, our friends in Great insomnia.

In addition to the wireless telegraph and the horseless carriage, we badly need the voiceless anarchist.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

Put to Practical Uses.

New York Tribune-The Titanic strucaftract universal attention. If he can turies, but this practical generation is perfect his apparatus so as to estab- not content with primeval methods. The lish message truffic without the use catacombs of this era are not used for of a cable, he will have achieved one burial; the wide, deep, long galleries are of the great triumphs of the new not dug out for the dead, but for the living. The twentieth century will tunnel many of the chief rivers of the world wherever the interests of givilization can wires was ridiculed as the wild dream | be advanced by the opening of such cavof a visionary. The Italian inventor erns far below the currents of famous

Worse to Follow.

Chicago Record-Herald-The Tillmanmerely a little curtain-raisur for the main Senatorial show. It was quiet and reposeful compared to the nets that are to follow during the Schatorial sensi-

Peace Might Be Welcomed.

mind is great enough to create this had her opportunity, and is not now in a a way to eliminate objectionable fea- of a non-participant in the war. Theotures, working on the idea of the source of the rentriplex telegraph and the attaining of sending and receiving instruments and peace and honor without shoot facilities. leaders in the world's affairs

Indianapolis News-If Congress desirto save itself tremendous embarrassmens

Struck for Too Little.

Montreal Gazette-City Attorney Sale bury of Grand Rapids, Mich., has bee found guilty of accepting a bribe o \$160,600 from New York capitalists in con sideration of delivering to them a water centract for work worth \$4,000,660 Th

New Orleans States-It appears that bound to be heard and certain to from South Carolina that the country has not occurred to the two Senator in no wise interested in the pers quarrel by which they have managed t eral years longer than their due; the of performing the laundry act in the sigh of eighty millions of people, and at expense of the taxpayers of the w nation, and they deport themselves as though the petty jealousy between Ma

Anaconda Standard - Diplomacy as a fin art of decelt is simply a tradition of dead centuries. The telegraph wrote its epi taph. The ambassador of today has lit tle opportunity to exercise the old craft

PERSONAL.

Guatemala's Rosente Future.

Teople here should not be misled b the sensational and silly stories printed in the New York papers regarding affairs in Central America," said Hon, W. God frey Hunter, United States Minister t ratemala, last night at the Raleigh.

"In the first place, foreign capital is a afe down there as in this country. Presdent Manuel Estrado Cabrera is the firm clentious statesmen I ever knew. He i striving hard to put the finances of the country upon a solid basis, and is sure to

The bad state of the national finance is due to previous incompetent adminis-trations, the errors of which will be avoided by President Cabtera. In natural resources Guatemala is an Eden, and it has a glorious fature. The line of rail-way constructed by Mr. Huntington, from the capital to San Joe on the Pacific, being extended to Puerto Barries, on the Caribbean Sea, at a cost of \$4,000,000 giving the country a transcontinental system that will add greatly to its develop-

Alabama Political Situation.

Mr. A. T. Goodwin, of Alabama, who was member of the Fifty-fourth Congress and a candidate for Governor in 1896 of the Populist ticket, was at the Ebbitt last evening. Captain Goodwin won his scat n the House after a hot contest, the majority deciding in his favor against Judge Cobb, the distinguished gentleman from the remark, "Where was I at."

"The political situation in Alabama, said Captain Goodwin last night, "is cha-otic. We have a new constitution—which was simply counted in, not voted in-and how it will work is a matter of specula-tion. If the negro vote is eliminated I tion. If the negro vote is eliminated I am free to predict that the State will not remain in the Democratic column. Our people are tired of the dishonest methods employed by the Democracy in elections, realizing that it tends to the degradation of the citizenship of the State. By not allowing the negroes to vote there will he no excuse for a continuation of ray blacks. They would be better off today if they had never been accorded the right of

New Word for the Weather Men.

"I have a little friend down in Atlanta, young girl, who invented a new word which our weather experts might well of the anti-trust American, there is adopt," remarked Mr. C. T. Roberts, of the "This bright young miss was shivering one day lately and I heard her exclaim

was a new one on me looked in Webster, but could not find i there, nor in any other lexicon. She had coined it, and a pullologist to whom submitted it told me that it is well constructed and ought to go in the dic-

English the Official Tongue.

The you know," asked Dr. L. J. Gardner, of Montreal, Canada, of a reporter for The Times at the Arlington last evening. "that it has been a glorious thing for the United States that your State and national legislators have from the beginning insisted upon the supremacy of the English language? Wherever your flag may float, no doubt, the same policy will be maintained. It would be a great thing for us in Canada if English had been made the paramount tongue, just as has been done in the States.

"I consider this matter of speech the vital thing, after all. In the Dominion I may get a legal summons written in the French language, though I may not understand a word of it, and a member of our Parliament may make an address in French, to be translated into English subsequently. This questi not to be the subsequently. This ought not to be the case in any land where the Anglo-Saxon

Bliggard Bulletins Valuable.

"I am continually inspecting the weather maps whenever I run across them here. in Washington," said Mr. Frank Hubbell. of New Mexico, last evening, at

"They interest me more than any o your grand sights at the Capital, for they keep me advised, with a fair of accuracy, as to the condition sheep. I have seventeen sheep ranthe Territory, and the knowledge of the weather often means thousands of dollars

Frequently I have been able to ge word to my herders to drive the Bocks out of the mountains to places not far listant, yet safe from the freezing cold of a coming blizzard. Climate with m is largely a question of altitude. When

FOREIGN TOPICS.

Rothschild's Automobile Bothouse

de Rothschild has just had one constructed at a cost of 15,000 frames, for the pur pose of carrying bothouse plants from hi country estate to his house in Paris. The ourney there and back used to take two lays, and necessitated the lodging of three men overnight in Paris. It is now performed in the same day, and will

What is perhaps the nextest instance of revenge by chisel has stood for eighty ne years in the market place at Co blentz. In 1812 the French occupied the own on their triamphal march to Mosow. They created a splendid fountain, in which they cut an inscription saving arrivus unpleasant things about bar-arous Russia. A few months later the attered remnants of that splendid army came flying back, hard pursued by flus-dan cavalry. The latter occupied the own, and their commander, St. Priest, in-spected the French memorial. But he did not pull it down. He did not even crais

Don Lorenzo Perosi, the young Italian priest-composer of the wonderful cantata The Resurrection of Christ," the idel of he women on the Continent, is coming to time years old. Ills gesites was discovered ix years ago, after he became the organ-st of famous St. Mark's Cathedral in enice. Before that he was an obscure

Europe's Wealthiest Ruler.

Kalser Withelm is said to be individally about the wealthiest monarch in Europe. He inherited a large estate from his grandfather, another from his father and got some wealth by his wife, but he has neided to his private estate by juicions investments, and while a lib liver, is estimated to be worth \$50

Houston Post-It is hard for a New York woman to find a husband there days unicas she possesses a Dakain divorce The New York noticty delegante to re-

IN Source... Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassafor, and Lady Pauncefote entertained at finner last night Ambassador and Mrs.

Choate. On account of the period of court mourning not having expired, the Ambarsador and Lady Pauncefote give no large dinners. That juo Mr. and Mrs. Choate was the first formal dinner since heir return to America. The dinner given by President Robsergit last week, at which they were the greets of honor is which they were the guests of honor, is the only formal flinner they have atable man for 1904.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. David J. Hill, will give a dinner for gentlemen December 28.

Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks is now in Boston, where she will be the guest of honor at a large reception to be given for her this evening by Mrs. E. B. Cowles, of that city.

Mrs. Root spent a part of last week in New York with her mother, Mrs. Salem Wales, who is now greatly improved in health.

Mrs. Richard Wallach will give a din ner tomorrow evening for Miss Alice

Mrs. Barney's dinner guests on Saturday evening were the Charge d'Affaires and Mme. de Margerie, the Hon. Maude Pauncefote, the Countess Cassini, Mr. and Mrs. Cushman, Miss Josephine Boardman, Miss Merriam, Miss Josephine Patten, the Misses Barney, Count Quadi of the German Embassy, Senor Del Viso of the Legation of Argentina, Colonel Edwards, Major Gilmore Mr. Preston, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Winthrop.

Miss Elene Foster, of Boston, will give a recital next Friday afternoon in the music room of Mrs. Stilson Hutchins residence, Massachusetts Avenue. The list of patronesses includes Mrs. Miles. Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. C. V. R. Berry, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Chatard, Mrs. Revburn, Mrs. Charles J. Bell, and Mrs. Charles M. Ffoulke.

Mrs. Clinton Cushing has reopened her se on I Street and will give a recep-

Mrs. James Wadsworth and Miss Wadsworth are expected to arrive here today rom Genesco, N. Y.

Mr. William C. Whitney, of New York, will give, on Tuesday evening, a beautiful ball for the debut of Miss Adelaide Randolph, his stepdaughter. Miss Ran- resented the value of sugar. dolph's mother was formerly Miss Edith May, of this city. According to the new fashion of the winter, supper will be served after the cotillion. Nearly 500 in-vitations have been issued, principally for the young dancing set, and the Hungarian Band and Lander will play alternately. The cotillion will be a double one, the first set being led by Miss Randolph and Craig Wadsworth, and the second set by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and Roman Baldwin. The favors, of course, will be very handsume, and the floral decorations

The Misses Portner, daughters of Mrs. Robert Portner, gave a dinner Saturday German Embassy; Mr. Elliott, Mr. Ormsby McGammon, and Mr. Dickinson, of Lon-

lng Washington. Invited to meet them of Statistics shows that our importation were Mins Warder, Count Quadt, First Secretary of the German Embassy, and Mr. Walter Herry.

Boulemont, of France, who are now visiting assume that of Statistics shows that our importation of sugar from all countries, except Hawiii and Porto Rico, amounted to 3,346,367 pounds, valued at \$72,985,684.

Mrs. Dalzell, wife of Representative wail show that there was shipped to Dalzell, is at home on Saturdays. The collection of the house will be home next week ten months ended with October, for the Christmas holidays.

their home near Philadelphia.

ford, who have been visiting Mrs. John G. Carlisle at her home in New York, have

Miss Grace Ellis, who is among the Washington guests now at Lakewood, N. J., has achieved fame at the react for her work in the bowling alley of the Lakewood Hotel, where she is stopping.

ceiving party at the coming out lea of Men. Phyllis Green, of Rosemont, near Philadelphia, on last Monday afternoon.

RIVAL OF THE HOLLAND

Test of Carter's Invention Reported STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 15 - Thomas

Moran, the young man who was with J. C. Carter, the inventor, when the latter tested the submarine turpedo boat that he spent three years building here on Ware Island, has returned to his home in this city. Moran says the test off Pennfield Heef was a complete success, and that there was no accident. The boat that there was no sceident. The boat \$117,550; chocolate, \$141,892; gutta percha, traveled under water at the rate of about \$130,957; total, \$223,810,155. seven miles an hour, he says, and adds whereabouts of the boat or her inventor, who, he says, is resting until spring, when the craft will be thoroughly tested.

neath the surface.

William Humble Ward. now certain of his appoi necessor of the Earl of Car office of Lord Lieutenant of the second Earl of Dudley, and of the late first earl, who died He is only thirty-five years old, a done very little to distinguish h He has acted as Parliamentary Se tary of the London Board of Trade, six 1895, is mayor of the town of Duciley, and served for a time as a major in the Wor-cesterabire regiment, which fought in the early days of the present Angle floer war in South Africa. The family of Ward acquired the title of Dudley from Bodley Castle in Staffordshire, the first grant of the earldom being made to John William Ward, who was the fourth Viscount of Eduar and the eleventh baron. The pres-ent earl was married in 1891 to Inchel Gurney, the daughter of Charles Gurney. He is immensely rich. Much of his tate constate of cost animes, and he

ELKINS FOR PRESIDENT.

Ex-Representative Dorr Lunches Boom for Campaign of 1994.

The next Republican nominee for the residency will not come from New York, bio, or Indiana, but will be chosen from he section south of those States," said former Representative C. P. Dorr, of West Virginia last night. "And the man will be Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia. enator Elkins is today the most avail-'The North for thirty years has had a

monoroly of naming Presidential candi-dates, and the time has arrived when the men of the South will be recognized. The solid South, that existed for so many years, is fast passing away. With the odoption of amendments to the several State constitutions in the South eliminating the negro as a political factor, you will see several Southern States in the doubtful column in 1994. It is this fact that will add strength to the candidacy of a Southern Republican for the Presidency.

President Roosevelt, I am natisfied,
will give the country a good administration. But history shows that a Vice President who succeeds to the Presidency through the death of the Executive never is elected himself to the office.

"The time is at hand when the political omplexion of the country will again re-mrn to the condition that existed prior o 1860, when there was no such thing as a selid South. And with the return of that condition, the South will have a voice and ven a controlling influence in naming the head of the Presidential ticket. "In my opinion the Republican ticket in the next Presidential campaign will be

ephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, and enathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa."

Mr. Dorr is one of the leading Republions of West Virginia, and he is well known throughout that section. He is re garded as one of the most succ publican politicians in the South.

IMPORTS FROM MANILA

Aggregated Over \$3,000,000 During the Past Ten Months.

The prominence given to the commerc between the United States and the Philippine Islands through the retent decision of the Supreme Court, and the necessity for legislation on that subject, lends especial interest to some figures prepared by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics relative to the present imports from the Philippines and the constant demands of the United States upon the tropics for articles of dally requirement.

These figures show that the total value

of imports from the Philippines in the ten months ending with October, 1901, were \$3,186,953. Of that sum only \$222,797 was dutiable and \$2,964,156 was free of duty. Of the dutlable imports \$188,159 rep-

Of the free importations, \$2,945,771 was manilla hemp. The importation of hemp from the Philippines in 1901 shows a large reduction compared with the corresponding months of 1990, due in part to the small production of hemp in the alands during the year of 1900, and in part to a great reduction in price. In the ten months of 1960 ending with October 27,965 tons of manifa hemp imported was valued at \$5,225,261, and in the same months of 1981 29,579 tons of hemp imported from the islands was valued at but \$2,945,771 the decrease in price thus being from \$187

n 1900 to \$143 per ton in 1901 for the pe-ted under consideration.

The small proportion of sugar consumpnight. Mrs. Porter is ill and Mrs. Frank ippine Islands are supplying is shown by Conger chaperoned the party. The other a comparison of the above figures of guests were Miss Winifred Mattingly, sugar imported from the Philippines with guests were Miss Winifred Mattingly, Sugar imported from the Philippines with Miss Olive Gale, Miss Brown, Count von Arnim and Lieutenant Schroen, of the ing theyear. Thetotal importation of sugar don.

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The Charge d'Affaires of the French
Embassy and Muse de Margerie gave a
lumcheou Saturday at their home on N
Street for the Baron and Baroness de
Boulemont, of France, who are now visitlum Washimston, Invited to meet them

of Street for the Baron and Baroness de
Street for the Baroness total only were attacked simult

The reports from the collector at Ha-The United States from those islands in the a good portion of the Pittsburg distric-

indicate in some degree the dependence of the United States upon the tropics for the requirements of daily life. Of the floo.600,000 worth of sugar imported into he United States in the ten meaths of 991 all but about \$12,900,000 worth came from the troples. During the same time he importations of coffee amounted to \$57,984,283, raw silk, \$23,996,515; rubber, \$25,382,768; hemp, sisal, jute, etc., \$25,158,922; tohacco, \$13,802,760; tea, \$6,780,379; otton, \$6,000,238, and cacao, \$6,579,631,

shown, the large proportion is Surar, \$50,487,800; coffee, \$57,861,259 mili (race), 120,051,265; India rubber, 228, 455,282; venotable fibres, 427,922,593; to-barco and manufactures, \$19,776,526; fruits, etc., \$19,586,703; tea, \$11,017,876;

CABINET LADIES CONFER. A Proposition to Establish New So.

cial Precedent Discussed. The wives of the Cabinet officers have been holding secret sessions to devise some way of lightening the burdens of their social duties.

What they really want to do is to esablish a new precedent that will make it the duty of the wives of the Senstors are No decision could be arrived at, as no

or wished to take the initiative. So Mrs. toosevelt agreed to have a indies' cabinet needing in her sitting room, when all the grave matters of precedent were laid be of the Cabinet were aired, and her sym pathy selicited. What they got from Mrs. Roosevelt was advice to let matters alone as they were established by Mrs. (lamiton Fish, the wife of the Secretary

State under Grant, who established th

expected of them and not show th wife of the Assistant Secretar avy, many duties of official life Mrs. Roosevelt. She had, at the children, and yet she was n to neglect a single task.

be Cubinet wamen have small interfere with their duties. Philameer Knox, a boy of probably nine ars, is the youngest child of the abi

Shorter Ocean Mail Range

The "London Daily News" entract for the building of a nec eet long at Rosslare, County Wexford. ireland has been concluded. This is part of the scheme to connect Flenguard, Wales, and Rosslare by a line of fast teamers, with the idea of eventually making this the fastest American mail cute to London.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CONTEST.

Friction Over Reference of Overstreet Gold Standard Bill.

The contest between the House Committee on Banking and Currency and the mmittee on Coinage, Weights, and House on Tuesday. The special committee from the Coicage, Weights and Measure ommittee called on the Speaker and laid that a change of reference must be made by action of the House

ommittee, undertook to eatch the eye of the Speaker on Friday, but the latter overlooked him, as Ropresentative Over-street, who introduced the bill, was not ready to take up the matter at that time.
Mr. Overstreet desires the bill to be
handled by the Committee on Banking
and Currency, of which he is a member, as was the case with the gold standard bill which he presented to the House on be-half of the Republican caucus. At that time the coinage committee ob

jected to the reference of the bill to the banking sommittee, but did not make a fight on the floor, as it was a cameus measure. The present bill, however, one introduced by Mr. Overstreet on his own account, and the members of the counage committee claim that it relates exclusively to gold and silver, and as it centains nothing concerning banking or currency, should go to the committee on oinage, and not to the committee o

banking.

They contend that their committee is one of the oldest and most highly respected of the House committees, deriv ing its powers directly from the Constitution, which gives Congress the right t oln money and to adopt standards of reights and measures. They believe the Committee on Banking and Currency is trying to absorb all the business of andling the money bills, and propose to make the Issue over this bill.

HEMLOCK LUMBER CORNER.

Pennsylvania Operators Alleged to Have Control of Adjacent Fields. ALTOONA Pa. Dec. 15 - What is con-

sidered one of the most daring Snancial transactions ever attempted in the history of the lumber business of Pennsylvania has just come to light in a project for ornering the hemlock market.

Interests closely identified with those of John A. Du Bois, the lumber king, are said to be supporting the plan, and twenty million dollars, it is alleged, is at the disposal of the combination. Persons familiar with the situation say that sum will be required to bring about the

been performed so quietly that its asture and intent were not revealed until the corner had been practically effected. The price of hemiock is now \$14 to \$15 a thousand feet, but it is thought the price will now go up to \$18 or \$20. The latter figure is the one fixed by the combination for letting go of its vast accumulation.

The greater part of the hemlock is owned by the hig tanning companies, and

as many of these are in sympathy with the Du Bois people the acquirement of options on their lumber was not difficult. With these vast holdings as a nucleus, the ool was not long in forming. For several days representatives of the ombination have been in this city, where frequent conferences have been held. Alough they have maintained the strictest

secrecy, enough has leaked out to justify an outline of the acheme. Options have been secured when possible; when necessary, purchases outright have been made. The Pittsburg, Wil-liamsport, South Fork and northern fields triets tributary to these centres. The Goodyeara control practically all the hem-lock in Potter, Lycoming, and other northern counties, while Du Bols may do us he pleases with the product of the

ten months endel with October, 1981, 545,095,296 pounds of sugar, valued at \$21,454,076. Add to this the amount shipped from Porto Rico and the total importation of sugar for the past ten months will aggregate 1,080,000,000 pounds.

These figures of the sugar importations felt the force of Michigan and Wisconsin competition. The vast quantities of hemtion has to fear" said a mon familiar and Religious Liberty." competition. The vast quantities of hem-lock in the Western fields have been kept the Western moduet will become a factor in the Eastern market. North Carolina pine would also come into the Northern market as a competitor of hemical.

SEATS OF HOUSE PAGES MOVED. Transferred to the Main Chamber

From the Cloakroom One of the changes made in the Ho of Representatives during the recess was to move the vagos' seats from the cloak-

Formerly they were seated in the clock-

ible.
In each of the two corners, one on the Democratic and one on the Republican side of the House, is a deak on which is slaced a small box filled with white metal uttons arranged in rows. Over the but-ons is a chemical fluid. When the butons at the deak are pushed the electric urrent causes the corresponding buttons in the indicator to turn red. This red

It was intended that a head page should it constantly at the deak and watch the outions. But the strain on the eves was o great the plan was abandoned. buzzer," making, however, only the aintest possible noise, was installed to attract the attention of the head page. To divide the work properly the take their positions at the end of the beach when returning from an errand,

FAILED TO KEEP DOWN PRICE. Cotton Growers Win in Fight

and leave in their proper turn.

Against the Oil Trust. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15 .- The fight be tween the Mississippi cotton growers and the cottonseed all trust over the price of strongeed oil has resulted in a complete

The mills fixed the price of seed at \$12 a ton, and agreed not to give any more. For this a number of managers were sued r the State courts and indicted by the nited States grand jury The mills soon found it impossible to maintain the rate agreed upon, in conse-

mence of the invasion of Mississippi teritory by the mills in Texas and other tates, with the consequence that the rice of need is now from \$16 to \$15 per ton, and tending upward,

A Paris despatch says the physical eakness of the people of Annam and Conquin is being attributed to the abence of phosphate in their rice diet. M. Doumer, Governor General of French In-do-China, has ordered a cargo of phos-phate from Tunis in order to introduce it in the rice fields.

ADMIRATION FOR MRS. WU.

hinese Minister's Wife Always At-

tracts Attention When Abrond. The appearance on the streets of the hinese Minister's wife, taking her constitutional, always attracts attention. Mme. Wu's robes are of the most costly street bill, designed to strengthen the gold kind that can be bought in the Flowery standard, is scheduled to come up in the Kingdom, and yesterday morning, in her beautiful silk embroidered wrap, wadded with elderdown, her heavy silken divided skirt, a magnificent headdress peculiar their grievance before him, and were told to women of similar rank in her own ountry, and the tiniest pair of feet that ver crossed the threshold of the Chinese Mr. Southard (Ohio), chairman of the Legation, her appearance occasioned no end of admiration

First Mme. Wu rides a while in her chair, in and out of which she is assisted by her female attendants. Then, when the mood strikes her, she is assisted to alight and walks as far as her pinched feet will permit, when she again seeks

her chair and rides home. Her attendants are all clad in the mational costume of China, but of a much simpler kind than the garments worn by the Minister's dainty wife. The chair used by Mrs. Wu is not the carrying chair peculiar to her country, but one of the genuine Yankee products that goes on wheels and has a push behind, looking very much like the invalids or wheeled chairs in general use.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET.

American Historical Association will be held in this city on December 27, 28, 30, and 31. Gen. A. W. Greely, chairman of the local committee, has about completed the arrangements for the meeting.

The headquarters of the association will be at the Arlington Hotel, and the meetings-to which the public is invitedwill take place in the main building of the Columbian University. The privileges of the Cosmos Club have een extended to the men who are members of the association, and the feminine

members will be welcome at the Washington Club. The American Economic Association will meet in the city on the same dates, and the members of the two associations will enjoy like privileges. The first meeting will be held Friday vening, December 27, at 8 o'clock, when a joint session will be held, at which Prof. Richard T. Ely, president of the American Economic Association, will deliver an address on "Industrial Liberty," and Dr.

Charles Francis Adams will make the in-

augural address, as president of the American Historical Association. Mr. Du Bois has sent representatives to half a dozen States, and their work has been performed so quietty that its acture. the building by the Librarian and his assistanta. There will be more or less in-formal discussion of the "European Archives," by Prof. George L. Burr, of Cornell University; "The Massachuseuts Public Record Commission and Its Work," by Mr. Robert T. Swan, commissioner of public records of Massachusetts; "The Relation of the National Library to Historical Research in the United States," by Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Con-gress; "An American School of History at Rome," by Prof. Lucy M. Salmon, of Vas

sar College. The members will lunch at the public restaurant in the Library. The afternoon session on Saturday will be occupied by the public session of the Church History Section at Columbian University. Dr. Rankin, of Howard Uni-sity will read a paper on "Edward Amasa. Park late President of the Andover Theological Seminary;" Prof. Willister Walker, of Yale University, will discuss the "Sordemanians of the Eighteenth Century," and Dr. J. L. Ewell of Howard

University, will read a paper on "Byfield, a Massachusetts Country Parish." At the evening session, beginning at 8 o'clock on Saturday, Dr. George E. Howard, of San Francisco, will read a paper on "Some Colonial Court Records;" Prof. Herbert L. Osgood, of Columbian Univer-The sity, will discuss the "Relations Between Great Britain and the American Colonic During the Seventeenth Century: " Pre-Wisconsin, will talk on the "Diplomatic of State, will speak on "James Madison

will receive the members of the association at their residence on Florida Avenue

and Sixteenth Street.

On Monday, December 38, the European History Section will hold its meeting. Prof. E. L. Stevenson, of Rutgers College, will speak on the "Spirit of Gorman Humanism;" Prof. Ephraim Emerton, of Harvard University, will discuss the Chemology of the Errsmyn Letters, and Chronology of the Erasmus Letters," and ent Contributions to the History of the Protestant Revolt.

The same afternoon the business meet-ing of the association will be hold and besides the reports of the various sec-tions there will be a memorial address Mores Coit Tyler by Prof. George L. r., and on Herbert Baxter Adams by Prof. John M. Vincent, of Johns Hopkins

The evening meeting will take the form of f joint session with the American Economic Association, Prof. A Lawrence Levell, of Reguerd University, will dismrung, and between the spaces devoted in Congress, and in the State Legislatures." The discussion will be opened by bers had very little room in their own closeroom. Under the new arrangement the pages sit on benches in the corners, and are required to be as quiet as possible.

In each of the content of the content of the corners of t and the Economic Interpretation of His-tory," and the discussion will be opened by Prof. Islac A. Look of the University I lown, and Prof. E. P. Chency, of the

On Tuesday, December 31, at 10 36 in the morning, the Southern history will meet at the National Museum.

Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary lege, will speak on "The Records of the London Company," Prof. John S. Hassett, of Trinity College, will discuss "The Re-lations of the Virginia Planter and the London Merchant. Dodd, of the Randolph-Macon College, will read a paper on "The Place of Macon in Southern History." D C Steiner, of Johns Hopkins University, will speak of "Maryland's First Courts," and Prof. George P. Garrison, of the Unieraity of Texas, will talk on the "South

catern History." The local committees are as follows: Chairman, A. W. Greely; Secretary and Treasurer, Gilbert H. Grosvenor; Enfor-tainment, Herbert Putnam, Teunis S. Hamilt, Frederic Bancoft, Perry B. Pierce; Finance, J. L. M. Curry, George C. Gorham, George W. McLanaban; Place of Meetings, Carroll D. Wright, Andrew H. Allen, A. Howard Clark; Press, Charles core: Public Comfort, Gaillard Hunt, unes Q. Howard, P. Lee Phillips; Transartation, A. Howard Clark; Social Wel-artation, A. Howard Clark; Social Wel-arc, David H. Hill, A. B. Hugner, James to Millan Merrill E. Gates, J. B. Hender-William C. Sanger, Thomas J.

In the Interest of America.

Chicago Record-Herald-The bill introfuced at the present accision by Senator Frys eliminates many of the objectionable eatures of the bill presented at the last saion, notably the speed premiu uses the subsidy to be paid entirely upon connage. It is a bill, as Senator Hanna points out, framed in the interest of American capital, American labor, and American industry. The money distursed under it will go largely to the thousands of artisans and laborers that will be em-ployed in our shipvards. Not a dollar of it will go abroad.